

SUMMARY OF RESULTS – FIBI040



1. Stream Name: West Branch Papakating Creek

2. Sampling Date:7/18/20063. Sampling Location:Route 5054. MunicipalityWantage Twp.5. County:Sussex

6. Watershed Management Area: 2
7. Contributing Drainage Area (Sq. Mi.): 11.3
8. Electrofishing Gear: 2 Backpacks

9. FIBI Score and Rating: Round 1* Excellent (46); Round 2 Good (42)
10. Habitat Score and Rating: Round 1 Sub-Optimal (125); Round 2 Optimal (163)

11. Fishable Species Present:

12. Relevant AMNET¹ Station Data:
Proximity of FIBI station to AMNET station: AN0306

AMNET Rating: 1990 – Non-impaired; 1998 – Moderate; 2003 – Non-impaired

13. Stream Chemistries:

Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) 8.44
Temperature ⁰C. 24.23
pH 7.84
Conductivity (μmhos/cm) 344
14. Length of Stream Sampled: 150m
15. Water Clarity: Clear

16. Average Open Forest Canopy: 22%
17. Discharge: 4.1 cfs

18. Substrate: 35% Gravel/Sand, 45% Cobble, 5% Boulder, 5% Mud, 10% Silt

19. Habitat: 40% Riffle, 50% Run, 10% Pool

20. Snags:Yes21. Periphyton:Heavy22. Submerged Aquatic Vegetation:No23. Outfalls:724. Number of Fish Species Identified:2125. Total Number of Fish Collected:91726. Number of Fish With Anomalies:62

27. Other Observations: A large number of crayfish were observed.

¹ AMNET is the acronym for the DEP's ambient benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring network – a series of 820 monitoring stations located throughout the state's waterways that collects data on the health of bottom dwelling stream fauna which in turn is used to assess general water quality

Round 1 data was scored prior to the FIBI metric recalibration.



FIBI040-WB Papakating Creek @ CR 565 Date Sampled - 7/18/2006	Excellent Good	I Fair	Poor
# of Fish Species		Score 5	
# of Benthic Insectivorous Species (BI) (excluding White Suckers and Bullheads)		5	
# of Trout and Centrarchid Species (excluding Green Sunfish and Bluegill)		5	
# of Intolerant Species (IS)		5	
Proportion of Tolerant Individuals		5	
Proportion of Individuals as Generalists		5	
Proportion of Individuals as Insectivorous Cy	prinids	5	
Proportion of Individuals as Trout OR	*whichever gives better score		
Proportion of Individuals as Piscivores (exclu	uding American Eel)*	1	
# of Individuals in Sample (excluding Tolerant Species)		5	
Proportion of Individuals w/disease/anomalie (excluding blackspot)	98	1	
Total		42	

Stream Rating		
45-50	Excellent	
37-44	Good	
29-36	Fair	
10-28	Poor	

HABITAT ASSESSMENT FOR *HIGH* GRADIENT STREAMS W.B. Papakating Ck(FIBI040) – 7/18/06

	Condition Category				
	Optimal	Suboptimal	Marginal	Poor	
1. Epifaunal Substrate /Available Cover	Greater than 70% of substrate favorable for epifaunal colonization and fish cover; mix of snags, submerged logs, undercut banks, cobble or other stable habitat and at stage to allow full colonization potential (i.e., logs/snags that are not new fall and not transient).	40-70% mix of stable habitat; well-suited for full colonization potential; adequate habitat for maintenance of populations; presence of additional substrate in the form of newfall, but not yet prepared for colonization (may rate at high end of scale).	20-40% mix of stable habitat; habitat availability less than desirable; substrate frequently disturbed or removed.	Less than 20% stable habitat; lack of habitat is obvious; substrate unstable or lacking.	
SCORE 18	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
2. Embeddedness	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 0-25% surrounded by fine sediment. Layering of cobble provides diversity of niche space	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 25-50% surrounded by fine sediment.	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are 50-75% surrounded by fine sediment.	Gravel, cobble, and boulder particles are more than 75% surrounded by fine sediment.	
SCORE 15	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
3. Velocity/Depth Regimes	All 4 velocity/depth regimes present (slow-deep, slow-shallow, fast-deep, fast-shallow). (slow is <0.3 m/s, deep is >0.5 m)	Only 3 of the 4 regimes present (if fast-shallow is missing, score lower than if missing other regimes).	Only 2 of the 4 habitat regimes present (if fast-shallow or slow- shallow are missing, score low).	Dominated by 1 velocity / depth regime (usually slow-deep).	
SCORE 18	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
4. Sediment Deposition	Little or no enlargement of islands or point bars and less than 5% (<20% for low-gradient streams) of the bottom affected by sediment deposition.	Some new increase in bar formation, mostly from gravel, sand or fine sediment; 5-30% (20-50% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; slight deposition in pools.	Moderate deposition of new gravel, sand or fine sediment on old and new bars; 30-50% (50-80% for low-gradient) of the bottom affected; sediment deposits at obstructions, constrictions, and bends; moderate deposition of pools prevalent.	Heavy deposits of fine material, increased bar development; more than 50% (80% for low-gradient) of the bottom changing frequently; pools almost absent due to substantial sediment deposition.	
SCORE 13	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
5. Channel Flow Status	Water reaches base of both lower banks, and minimal amount of channel substrate is exposed.	Water fills >75% of the available channel; or <25% of channel substrate is exposed.	Water fills 25-75% of the available channel, and/or riffle substrates are mostly exposed.	Very little water in channel and mostly present as standing pools.	
SCORE 15	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
6. Channel Alteration	Channelization or dredging absent or minimal; stream with normal pattern.	Some channelization present, usually in areas of bridge abutments; evidence of past channelization, i.e., dredging, (greater than past 20 yr) may be present, but recent channelization	Channelization may be extensive; embankments or shoring structures present on both banks; and 40 to 80% of stream reach channelized and disrupted.	Banks shored with gabion or cement; over 80% of the stream reach channelized and disrupted. In stream habitat greatly altered or removed entirely.	
SCORE 17	20 19 18 17 16	is not present. 15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
7. Frequency of Riffles (or bends)	Occurrence of riffles relatively frequent; ratio of distance between riffles divided by width of the stream <7:1 (generally 5 to 7); variety of habitat is key. In streams where riffles are continuous, placement of boulders or other large, natural obstruction is important.	Occurrence of riffles infrequent; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 7 to 15.	Occasional riffle or bend; bottom contours provide some habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is between 15 to 25.	Generally all flat water or shallow riffles; poor habitat; distance between riffles divided by the width of the stream is a ratio of >25.	
SCORE 19	20 19 18 17 16	15 14 13 12 11	10 9 8 7 6	5 4 3 2 1 0	
8. Bank Stability (score each bank) Note: determine left or right side by facing downstream.	Banks stable; evidence of erosion or bank failure absent or minimal; little potential for future problems. <5% of bank affected.	Moderately stable; infrequent, small areas of erosion mostly healed over. 5-30% of bank in reach has areas of erosion.	Moderately unstable; 30-60% of bank in reach has areas of erosion; high erosion potential during floods.	Unstable; many eroded areas; "raw" areas frequent along straight sections and bends; obvious bank sloughing; 60- 100% of bank has erosional scars.	
SCORE 6 (LB) SCORE 9 (RB)	Left 10 9 Right 10 9	8 7 6 8 7 6	5 4 3 5 4 3	2 1 0 2 1 0	
9. Bank Vegetative Protection (score each bank)	More than 90% of the streambank surfaces and immediate riparian zone covered by native vegetation, including trees, under story shrubs, or nonwoody macrophytes; vegetative disruption through grazing or mowing minimal or not evident; almost all plants allowed to grow naturally.	70-90% of the streambank surfaces covered by native vegetation, but one class of plants is not well-represented; disruption evident but not affecting full plant growth potential to any great extent; more than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.	50-70% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption obvious; patches of bare soil or closely cropped vegetation common; less than one-half of the potential plant stubble height remaining.	Less than 50% of the streambank surfaces covered by vegetation; disruption of streambank vegetation is very high; vegetation has been removed to 5 centimeters or less in average stubble height.	
SCORE 8 (LB) SCORE 10 (RB)	Left 10 9 Right 10 9	8 7 6 8 7 6	5 4 3 5 4 3	2 1 0 2 1 0	
10. Riparian Vegetative Zone Width (score each bank riparian zone)	Width of riparian zone >18 meters; human activities (i.e., parking lots, roadbeds, clear-cuts, lawns, or crops) have not impacted zone.	Width of riparian zone 12-18 meters; human activities have impacted zone only minimally.	Width of riparian zone 6-12 meters; human activities have impacted zone a great deal.	Width of riparian zone <6 meters: little or no riparian vegetation due to human activities.	
SCORE 6 (LB)	Left 10 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0	
SCORE 9 (RB)	Right 10 9	8 7 6	5 4 3	2 1 0	

HABITAT SCORE

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HABITAT SCORES	VALUE
OPTIMAL	160 - 200
SUB-OPTIMAL	110 – 159
MARGINAL	60 - 109
POOR	< 60

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West Branch Papakating Creek

07/18/2006

Common Name	Scientific Name	Abundance	Size Range (inches)
Longnose Dace	Rhinichthys cataractae	281	-
Blacknose Dace	Rhinichthys atratulus	174	-
Creek Chub	Semotilus atromaculatus	137	-
Common Shiner	Luxilus cornutus	91	-
White Sucker	Catostomus commersoni	55	-
Bluegill	Lepomis macrochirus	41	2.2 - 5.1
Cutlips Minnow	Exoglossum maxillingua	39	-
Tessellated Darter	Etheostoma olmstedi	38	-
Pumpkinseed	Lepomis gibbosus	15	2.5 - 4.5
Eastern Mudminnow	Umbra pygmaea	12	-
Brook Trout	Salvelinus fontinalis	7	10.8 - 12.1
Largemouth Bass	Micropterus salmoides	7	4.6 - 9.4
Redbreast Sunfish	Lepomis auritus	5	2.2 - 3.9
Black Crappie	Pomoxis nigromaculatus	4	3.9 - 4.9
Spottail Shiner	Notropis hudsonius	4	-
Yellow Bullhead	Ameiurus natalis	2	3.7 - 3.9
Brown Trout	Salmo trutta	1	10.7 - 10.7
Golden Shiner	Notemigonus crysoleucas	1	-
Green Sunfish	Lepomis cyanellus	1	-
Rainbow Trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss	1	12.0 - 12.0
Satinfin Shiner	Cyprinella analostana	1	-



Brook Trout



Black Crappie



Bluegill



Rainbow Trout



Creek Chub



Largemouth Bass



Longnose Dace



Blacknose Dace



Tessellated Darter



Eastern Mudminnow



Brown Trout



Pumpkinseed



Yellow Bullhead



Common Shiner



Spottail Shiner



Green Sunfish



Cutlips Minnow



White Sucker



Redbreast Sunfish



Golden Shiner



Satinfin Shiner